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FOR: DECODING AND CODING METHOD :

OF MOVING IMAGE SIGNAL, AND :

DECODING AND CODING APPARATUS

OF MOVING IMAGE SIGNAL USING THE

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## AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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S I R :

This amendment is being timely filed in response to the Office Action mailed May 31, 2001 (Paper No. 15).

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 1 with the following amended claim:

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- 1 1. (Amended) A method of decoding a moving image signal, the
  - 2 image signal being a stream of pixel blocks segregated into video frames, the
  - 3 method comprising the steps of:
  - 4 constructing at least two motion vectors, the first motion vector
  - 5 being constructed from a present video frame and a video frame prior to the
  - 6 present video frame, the second motion vector being constructed from the present
  - 7 video frame and a further video frame at least two frames prior to the present
  - 8 video frame;